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Member - Secretary

National Commission for Backward Classes

Government of India

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NCBC Advice No. M.P. 34/99

13.04.1999

Dear Shri Manavalan,

I am sending herewith the Advice of the National Commission for Backward Classes under Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act for the Inclusion of "Multani Lohar" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh, duly authenticated, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the NCBC Act.

2. With this, Advices on 591 (308 for Inclusion + 283 for rejection) castes, sub-castes, synonyms etc. have been tendered to the Government by the Commission, after its reconstitution in 1997, of which 585 (302 for Inclusion + 283 for Rejection) are still pending with the Government for Notification.

Yours sincerely

(P.S.KRISHNAN)

Encl: As stated. The case arose out of the request received from Shri Ahmad Noor,

Shri D.K. Manavalan
Secretary to Govt. of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
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Public Hearing

2. The Hon'ble Member Madhya Pradesh Bench of the Commission representing of Hon'ble Member Shri S. S. Sharma, Madhya Pradesh Bench, held a Public Hearing at Bhopal on 23.4.99 in respect of this request. At the Public Hearing the State Government was represented by Shri A. L. Mishra, Shri B. S. Singh, and Shri S. P. Sharma. Noor on behalf of the caste voluntarily appeared before the Bench.

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

MADHYA PRADESH BENCH

(Findings)

Case : Request for inclusion of "Multani Lohar" as a synonym of "Luhar" in the Central List of Backward Classes for the State of Madhya Pradesh.

Per Shri Sahu Akshaya Bhai, Member

I. Request :

1. This case arises out of the request received from Shri Ahmad Noor, President Muslim Multani Lohar Punch, Indore for inclusion of 'Multani Lohar' as a synonym of "Luhar" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh.

II. Public Hearing

2. The two Member Madhya Pradesh Bench of the Commission consisting of Hon'ble Members S/Shri Sahu Akshaya Bhai and U.P. Singh held a Public Hearing at Bhopal on 28.1.99 in respect of this request. At the Public Hearing the State Government was represented by Shri A.L. Naharia, Shri Neeti Raj Singh, and Shri S.P. Arzaria. Nobody on behalf of the caste/community appeared before the Bench.

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III. Facts

3. The relevant entries in different lists of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh are as follows :

I. Mandal List

"183Lohar"

"186 Luhar, Gahelot, Jeva, Kariyar, Kawigar, Luckman, Madwar, Vishwakarma"

II. State List

"87(18) Luhar, Nagauri"

III. Central List (Islamic Groups)

"59(16) Luhar"

4. Multani Lohar is not included in the Mandal List and the State List and as a result this could not be included in the first phase Central List of BC's under Islamic Group for Madhya Pradesh. 'Luhar' is included in the first phase-Central List, which was prepared on the basis of Principle of Commonality, of BC's under Islamic Group for Madhya Pradesh at Sl. No. 59(16) as it was included both in the Mandal List and the State List for M.P. at the time of preparation of the List of BC's for M.P and other states.

5. The NCBC's Questionnaire filled up by Shri Ahmed Noor, President, Muslim Multani Lohar Punch, Indore states that members of the caste/community follow the 'Islam' religion. Their occupation is repairing the iron and steel goods, hot iron works, the work which involve manual labour. In their caste/community literacy rate is only 2 % which is very low in comparison to State literacy rate i.e.44.02 %(Census 1991). Proportion of total number of graduate of the caste / community to the total population of the caste/ community in the state is only 0.01%.

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Women and children of the caste/community , as a general practice are for their own or for their family's livelihood engaged in manual labour to support the male member of the family. Majority of the population live in 'Kachha house'. It is further stated in the questionnaire that the caste/ community is socially,economically and educationally backward. Their social status is equal to Mansoori and Ansari (Julaha) Backward classes. The representation of the community in local bodies and Govt. services is stated as Nil.

6. H.A. Rose describes about the caste in his ethnographic literature "A Glossary of the Tribes and Castes of the Punjab and North-west Frontier Province" Vol-II(p.p 36-38) first published in 1911 and reprinted in 1990, that "The Lohar of the Punjab is as his name implies , a blacksmith pure and simple . -----His social position is low ,even for a menial ; and he is classed as an impure caste in so far that Jats and others of similar standing will have no social communion with him , though not an outcaste like the scavenger.----- The tradition runs that the Suthar Lohars, who are now Musalman, were originally Hindu Tarkhans of the Suthar tribe and that Akbar took 12,000 of them from Jodhpur, to Delhi, forcibly circumcised them, and obliged them to work in iron instead of wood. The story is admitted by a section of the Lohars themselves, and probably has some substratum of truth. These men came to Sirsa from the direction of Sindh, where they say they formerly held land and are commonly known as Multani Lohars".
7. During the Public Hearing, those present who were from different sections of society as well as the state government representatives not only did not object for the inclusion of "Multani Lohar" as a synonym of "Luhar" in the Central List of Backward Classes for "Madhya Pradesh" but also supported it.

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8. The Commission has already tendered its advice to the Central Government for inclusion of "Saifi and Nagauri Luhar" as a synonym of Luhar in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh vide advice No.MP/11/97 dated 14.10.1997.

IV. Findings :

9. From the foregoing, the Bench finds that "Multani Lohar" is a synonym adopted by the Muslim section of "Lohar" caste/communities, linked with the traditional hereditary occupation of blacksmithy. The occupation of "Multani Lohar" fall under the Fast-Track category as covered by guideline 2(e) and (f) of the NCBC's 'Guidelines for Consideration of Request for Inclusion and Complaints of Under-inclusion in the Central List of Backward Classes and also by Para 7 of the Procedural Clarification' on guidelines. Synonyms of a caste/community already existing in the Central List of Backward Classes are covered by para 9 of the Procedural Clarification of NCBC's guidelines. "Multani Lohar" should therefore be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh as a synonym of "Luhar" at the existing entry No. 59(16), so that amended entry no. 59(16), taking into account the advice dated 14.10. 1997 also, reads as follows:

"59(16) Luhar, Saifi, Nagauri Luhar, Multani Lohar"

Akshaya Bhai
09.04.99

(SAHU AKSHAYA BHAI)

Uday Pratap Singh
12.4.99

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V. Advice of the Commission

10. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the Findings of the Madhya Pradesh Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Government as per Section 9(I) of the NCBC Act, 1993 for action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act. "Multani Lohar" be added as a synonym of "Luhar, Saifi, Nagauri Luhar" and consequently entry No.59(16) in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh should, taking into account the advice dated 14.10. 1997 also, read as follows :

"59(16) Luhar, Saifi, Nagauri Luhar, Multani Lohar"

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